

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

## Commissioners of Public Works Make First Annual Report—Sewerage Commission to Make Investigation.

City Council met in regular session at 8 o'clock p. m. Wednesday.

Present, Mayor W. B. Boyle, Aldermen H. D. Barnett, J. H. Chandler, P. P. Finn, R. F. Haynsworth, H. C. Haynsworth, E. H. Rhame, R. K. Wilder and R. L. Wright.

Minutes of the 3d instant were read and approved.

A letter was received from Mrs. M. E. Brown thanking council for payment of her claim.

A communication was read from the County Board of Commissioners in reference to drainage of Saratoga branch and work on Turkey creek canal, to the effect that action was deferred in reference to council's proposal as to Saratoga branch, and as to Turkey creek the county was ready to comply with its contract with the city. Mr. Boyle stated that the council minutes of March 27th were erroneous in that he is there quoted as saying that the county had agreed to bear one-third of the expense of draining Saratoga branch; whereas he had stated that the committee of public works had suggested that the work be done jointly by the city, the county and the land owners, each paying one-third of the cost; to which arrangement the city and the owners had agreed, but not the county.

Mr. W. H. Seale was present and declared that the drainage of Saratoga branch is very important as a health matter, and the work should be done before hot weather sets in. He further said that this is city work, and the county should not be expected to assist. On motion of Alderman R. F. Haynsworth the matter was referred to the Board of Health.

L. D. Jennings, Esq., presented a petition from horse dealers of the city asking for an amendment to the license ordinance, whereby they may be placed upon the same basis as merchants. After some discussion by Messrs. Chas. W. Stansill and S. M. Pierson the question was referred to Aldermen E. H. Rhame, R. F. Haynsworth and H. C. Haynsworth to consider and report.

A letter was received from Health Officer E. I. Reardon suggesting the adoption of an ordinance requiring property owners to fill abandoned wells. The Clerk was directed to prepare an ordinance according to this suggestion.

A letter from N. M. Salley, of Greenwood, S. C., in reference to assessment of railway trackage in cities and towns was referred to the finance committee.

Petition of Mr. J. F. Reid for re-appointment as cotton weigher was presented and he was recommended for the position by unanimous vote.

Request was made on behalf of Mrs. C. R. Gregg that certain decaying trees near her residence on Hampton Avenue be cut down, was referred to the Commissioner of Public Works with directions to trim or remove the trees as may be found necessary.

By request of County Supervisor W. H. Seale employment of an extra guard for the chain gang was authorized while working on Turkey Creek at \$30 per month to be paid by the city.

Complaint was made by Willis Davis, colored, that his son had been unjustly fined in the Police Court, and asking that the fine be refunded. Same was referred to the Police Committee for investigation.

Report of Commissioners of Public Works from January 1st, 1906, to March 31st, 1907, was read and ordered published with a vote of commendation for the good showing made.

The Finance Committee reported approval of claims referred to them, and correctness of the Clerk and Treasurer's report for March, and report for the year ending March 31st, which had been published as required by law.

Mr. Chandler, for the Committee of Public Works, reported all work referred to them had been done or is now in progress.

Health Officer Reardon again called attention to the Phillips savannah near the cemetery and asked that proper drains be laid there before hot weather comes. The matter was referred to the Board of Health.

Request of Hose Co. No. 3 for certain repairs on their building was referred to the Fire Department Committee.

Mr. Finn reported that part of the furniture ordered for the Council chamber would not arrive until June, but that he would have temporary furnishing so that the Council can soon occupy its new quarters.

Mr. Wilder suggested an ordinance requiring all dogs going at large to be muzzled and such further stringent regulations as may be lawful. Aldermen Wilder and Wright and the clerk were appointed to draft a suitable ordinance.

Alderman R. F. Haynsworth as chairman off the Sewerage Commission reported that the Board is contemplating the construction of sewers with foremen and laborers of their own, under supervision of a competent engineer. And that it is deemed

advisable to visit certain cities to obtain information that will be of practical value; for which purpose expense will be incurred, the payment of which he asked council to provide. The request was granted and the expenses of the commissioners authorized to be paid.

Alderman H. C. Haynsworth reported that the joint committee of council and the Chamber of Commerce, appointed to secure adequate accommodations at the Atlantic Coast Line passenger station, had appointed a sub-committee, which went to Wilmington to present the matter to the railroad authorities. The committee had paid the expenses incident to their visit from their personal funds and he asked the amount so paid be refunded, and it was so ordered.

The following claims were referred to the finance committee:

Dr. A. China, \$50 and \$30; Sumter Hospital Co., \$8 and \$37; J. H. Morse, \$13.50; T. B. Jenkins, \$13; Geo. D. Shore & Bro., \$33 and \$27.

Council then adjourned.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

## Of the Commissioners of Public Works of City of Sumter.

Sumter, S. C., April 1, 1907.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen: We present herewith report from January 1st, 1906, to March 31st, 1907. We began work without money or resources, except account for \$960 bought from the former owners of the waterworks. Thus we have had practically twelve months income for fifteen months expenses. Nevertheless, the results we think are gratifying. We have expended about \$8,000 on extensions, paid interest on bonds and defrayed current expenses. In order to do this we were forced to borrow \$6,777.05, of which \$1,500 had been repaid. The greater part of the remainder will be paid from rents falling due on April 1st. In our statement of assets we have added \$10,000 to the price paid for the plant, which was purchased on a commercial valuation; while, in fact, the value has been increased \$25,000 on that basis of calculation. We have made 111 new contracts and added more than 20 per cent to our income from domestic patronage. It will be noted that collections are considerably more than the stated income. This arises from consumption by customers on metres, over and above the minimums. We now have 271 metres in use; 111 of which have been installed under city ownership. The pumping station, machinery and entire system are in good condition, and kept at a high degree of efficiency. The prospect is encouraging, and experience demonstrates the wisdom of the city's investment.

Very respectfully,

R. L. EDMUNDS,

Chairman.

H. L. SCARBOROUGH.

## Report of Commissioners of Public Works, City of Sumter, From January 1, 1906, to April 1, 1907:

RECEIPTS.	
Water Rents	\$ 13,975.98
Borrowed from Bank	6,777.05
Overdraft	217.97
Total	\$ 20,971.00

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Pipe and other supplies	\$6,778.95
Interest on bonds and loans	5,368.85
Fuel	2,374.25
Salaries	2,240.15
Paid on Loans	1,500.00
Freight and Drayage	1,482.80
Labor	836.66
Incidental expenses	276.94
Insurance	191.50
Improvements	162.29
Unpaid checks	58.11
Refunded to patrons	6.00
Total	\$20,971.00

ASSETS.	
Land, buildings and equipment	\$135,000.00
Water Rents due	443.81
290 cords wood and 70 tons coal	900.00
Unexpired Insurance	153.20
Total	\$143,506.51

LIABILITIES.	
Purchase Bonds	\$116,000.00
Accrued Interest	1,305.00
Loans	5,277.05
Open Accounts	340.00
Total	\$122,922.05

Excess of Assets \$17,584.46

MEMORANDA.	
No. of Contracts from Sumter Water Co.	577
Minimum value contracts from Sumter W. Co.	\$ 7,388.75
City Contracts	3,275.00
No. of new contracts	111
Minimum value of new contracts	\$ 1,540.25
Present minimum income for year	\$12,264.00
No. of Metres in use	271
Increase of domestic patronage past 15 months nearly	21 per ct.

The foregoing, I certify, is a full and true statement of the financial affairs of the Commissioners of Public Works for the fifteen months ending March 31st, 1907, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. M. HURST,

Sumter, S. C., April 1st, '07.

## ACCIDENTAL HOMICIDE.

## Adolphus Truitt Dies as the Result of an Accident.

Lydia, April 24.—Adolphus Truitt, a young industrious white man, was accidentally shot and mortally wounded by his younger brother while out hunting a few days ago. He died yesterday. The coroner's jury today rendered a verdict of accidental homicide. The tragedy is deplored by all who knew the young man on account of his sober and industrious habits.

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## PERMISSION DENIED.

## Central Railway Officials Cannot Examine Minutes of the Grand Jury That Indicted Them.

New York, April 25.—Permission to examine the minutes of the grand jury which returned indictments for manslaughter in the second degree as the result of the Brewster express wreck, which killed 27 persons, was today denied Albert H. Smith and Ira Williams, two officials of the Central Railroad.

## Relief From Rheumatic Pains.

"I suffered with rheumatism for over two years," says Mr. Rolland Curry, a patrolman, of Key West, Fla. "Sometimes it settled in my knees and lamed me so I could hardly walk, at other times it would be in my feet and hands so I was incapacitated for duty. One night when I was in severe pain and lame from it my wife went to the drug store here and came back with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain balm. I was rubbed with it and found the pain had nearly gone during the night. I kept on using it for a little more than two weeks and found that it drove the rheumatism away. I have not had any trouble from that disease for over three months." For sale by DeLorme's Pharmacy.

Messrs. Robertson and Elliott of Columbia, who have taken hold of the Anderson electric railway, say the line will soon be built to Greenville.

## Good Words for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"People everywhere take pleasure in testifying to the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Edward Phillips, of Barclay, Md., writes: 'I wish to tell you that I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. My little girl, Catherine, who is two years old, has been taking this remedy whenever she has had a cold since she was two months old. About a month ago I contracted a dreadful cold myself, but I took Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and was soon as well as ever.' This remedy is for sale by DeLorme's Pharmacy.

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\*Mrs. S. Joyce, 189 Sullivan street, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years' standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Sibert's Drug Store.

Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock's southern trip is said to have been made in the interest of Taft for president.


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Disturbed the Congregation. \*The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar. Sibert's Drug Store.

A Chicago firm has negotiated for the erection of 1,000 miles of new telegraph line in Manitoba, which is part of a great public ownership scheme.

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